

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR'S SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMS ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States Embassy in Nouakchott has the pleasure to announce the continuation of its small grants programs, which provide financial support to cooperatives, local NGOs and village associations wishing to start small development or democracy and human right projects. Funding is available under two primary mechanisms:

The Special Self Help program supports activities related to:

- Income generation: for example, gardening, community slaughterhouses, cooperative chicken farming, sewing services
- Water and sanitation: for example, community wells, dams, or other water systems
- Health or education materials: for example, purchase of tables, desks, small equipment, supplies, books for a library, local school, or clinic
- Equipment for a small business: for example, a weaving or sewing machine, a machine to grind millet or henna, or tools to support a trade
- Miscellaneous equipment: for example, an oven or refrigerator for a school or a clinic, a washing machine for a mother and children clinic.

Projects proposed should not exceed \$12,000 (about 3.6 million UM)

The DHR program supports activities intended to promote:

- Expansion of civil and political rights;
- Adherence to the rule of law through a legal framework conducive to civil and political rights;
- Free and democratic electoral systems;
- Development of democratic principles that promote human rights and result in change;
- Increased access by women and disadvantaged groups to the judicial system and political processes.

Projects proposed should not exceed \$25,000 (about 7.5 million UM)

All proposals must include the following items:

1. A cover letter / application letter
2. The organization's official registration documentation
3. The list of the members of the organization
4. A description of the proposed project's activities and goals
5. A descriptive budget, showing the applicant's contribution (in kind, in money, in labor)
6. The projected period of performance (start and end dates)
7. Support /recommendation letters (if available)

If you have a project which may fulfill the requirements of any of the above described programs, please send your proposals to: the **Self-Help Program, American Embassy, B.P 222; Nouakchott**) for consideration. **Proposals should not exceed ten pages.**

Please note that applications will be considered for funding in the year in which they are received. Organizations submitting proposals accepted for further consideration will be contacted for any additional information needed. Every effort will be made to ensure a broad and equitable geographic spread of awards in any given program year.

If you have any questions, please contact **Daouda Diallo**, DDP Deputy Coordinator

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Thank you for your interest in the Embassy's small grants programs